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# Painting the town red

In a city is often criticized for its lack of offbeat things to do, Paint Nite could be a breath of fresh air What's better than drunken painting? (page 02)

Participants in Paint Nite at the Joshua Tree Bar and Grille last week put the colors to the canvas while enjoying some cold ones.

In the news

**50+**

More than 50 billboards will soon go up around the city as part of an effort to stop underage access to alcohol. The prevention campaign, which is targeted at establishments and adult providers, is timed to coincide with the August and September back-to-school period, according to the city.

Today's local tweet

"Amazes me how young males won't give up their seat on the subway for the elderly. #mbta #shameful"

@JEFFAVIGIAN, WHO WATCHED AS THE ELDERLY STOOD AND THE YOUNG SAT ON A RECENT T RIDE.

## Audit leads to firing of Logan TSA agents

**BOSTON.** Six Transportation Security Administration agents at Logan Airport are to be fired after an audit revealed they were distracted during baggage screenings.

Fourteen other agents are to be suspended, according to the Globe.

The agents were found during the audit to be distracted by their cell phones and other devices and ignored routine bag search protocols, according to the Globe.

The agents can appeal the decision.

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## DA: Cambridge man uses fake IDs for decades

**CAMBRIDGE.** A 68-year-old Cambridge man was indicted recently for allegedly using another man's identity to obtain more than $65,000 in state benefits for which he wasn't eligible.

Frederick Cross pleaded not guilty to charges including identity theft, forgery and making false statements.

According to the Suffolk district attorney's office, Cross used the birth certificate, Social Security number and date of birth of another out-of-state man with a similar name to obtain benefits and get a replacement Social Security card, driver's license and state ID card.

Cross was not eligible for those benefits because he has outstanding warrants, authorities said. METRO

## Dozens face judge after concert chaos

**FOXBORO.** Dozens of arrested concertgoers faced a judge yesterday on various charges stemming from actions during a country music concert at Gillette Stadium.

More than two dozen of the 101 people arrested during last weekend's Kenny Chesney concert will have to complete community service and classes on substance abuse and risky decision-making, the Globe reported.

Police took 466 people into protective custody, mostly for over consumption of alcohol.

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# Out of the box, onto the canvas

**Paint Nite arms bored bargoers with a brush, a cocktail — and, most importantly — a smock Event offers colorful twist on typical night out**

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▶ Participants started out cautiously; after a few drinks, they became more daring with their work.

While many bargoers feel it is bad enough Boston is deprived of the happy hour specials enjoyed by many other cities, there seems to be a longing in the Hub for something else — creative ways to enjoy those after-work cocktails.

That was clear at the Joshua Tree Bar and Grille in Allston last week, where about 30 people sat down in front of empty canvases to paint the Eiffel Tower at Paint Nite, a new and colorful twist on a typical night out.

The series, which began in May, lets people sip on cocktails while getting a step-by-step painting lesson at local bars.

It was the first time Leah Ellin and her sister Blair Ellin ventured to the bar for an art class.

"We're laughing a lot, at each other, at our own paintings," said Leah, 24. "You usually just go to a bar, and there is nothing special going on."

Her sister Blair agreed: "Other than trivia nights or stuff like that, there is not that much, especially because we don't have happy hour in Boston. … Most activities are sports-oriented. There are not really lots of things to do that are creative."

Quoted

**"You'll see a lot of people who either sit in front of an Excel spreadsheet or a Microsoft Word document all day at work, and everything is formatted; creativity is defined by what sort of font you use, whereas this is so foreign to them — to push liquid on a canvas. They really try to create something."**

SEAN MCGRAIL, PAINT NITE GENERAL MANAGER

Metro asked around, and it seems others shared the sentiment.

"I think you're living in a city, you want to go out, but there are only so many different things that you can do," said paint instructor Lindsay Webber. "This gives you something you can take home with you and put on your wall."

Rows of cautiously creative participants — some of them were with friends, a few were on dates — loosened up a bit after the booze started flowing, becoming more daring in their strokes.

"I think the novelty of it is appealing. It's something new, something creative," said Sean McGrail, general manager of Paint Nite and a self-proclaimed "Chief Bottle Popper."

"Our target market is people who haven't painted since the seventh grade; or maybe the last time they painted was with their fingers," McGrail said.

The idea of painting and drinking is nothing new, with storefronts across the U.S. opening their doors to thirsty artists, but McGrail thinks those places are missing the mark.

"They are in the suburbs. Our events are a bit more fun because people can have more than one cocktail. They tend to get a little bit tipsy," McGrail said, adding that Paint Niters are encouraged to take public transportation. "We thought if we brought it to neighborhoods [in Boston], people could get drunk, stumble home, take the T, take a short cab ride."

If you go

- Paint Nite tends to attract women between the ages of 21 and 35, according to its creator. The scene is usually 90 percent women, with between 25 and 30 participants showing up to paint.
- The class can be anywhere from 90 minutes to two and a half hours — and as time passes, so do the drinks and so does that feeling of being artistically challenged.
- $45 covers the cost of the smock, the paint, the brushes, the instruction – everything except the cocktails. Most of the events start between 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Two Paint Nites will be held on Aug. 29. One will be at 7 p.m. at Green Briar, and another at 7:30p.m. at Friendly Toast. On Aug. 30 there will be a Paint Nite at 7 p.m. at Doyle's Cafe.
- Since May, there have been between six and eight Paint Nites each week at local bars in Boston and Cambridge
- Paint Nite is set to expand to New York City and Portland, Maine, in September.

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# As students return to Hub, traffic advisories issued

## Thousands of students will clog the streets as they move in Try to avoid Allston, Brighton, Fenway, Back Bay, Mission Hill and Beacon Hill

The college students are coming! The college students are coming!

It's that time of year when thousands of new and returning college students descend on Boston.

Police on Monday issued a traffic and parking advisory for the period between Aug. 31 and Sept. 4 — the typical time period when many leases expire and the city's young residents play musical apartments.

"Residents should expect congestion and delays in the areas of Allston, Brighton, Fenway, Back Bay, Mission Hill and Beacon Hill as 70,000 college students will be moving in these neighborhoods," police warned in their alert.

The city reminded people to read its student guide to city services, which can be found at www.cityofboston.gov.

The move-in got started early at one downtown Boston college campus.

Yesterday morning, hundreds of students arrived at Emerson College and were greeted as only Emerson students can be: with singing, music, dancing and costumes.

The orientation leaders helped new students unload their essentials from their cars and guided them to their new home.

More than 900 new incoming undergraduates were expected to arrive at Emerson yesterday and today, according to the school.



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▶ Orientation leaders help unload a mini-fridge yesterday.

# Bacteria to be released Wednesday on MBTA

**BOSTON.** Early Wednesday morning, the Department of Homeland Security will test a system of newly developed biological detection sensors by releasing what officials call "a harmless killed bacterium" into three MBTA stations in Cambridge and Somerville.

The bacterium is described as "noninfectious" and is approved as a food supplement, according DHS officials, who say the test will help detect and minimize impacts of an attack or accident involving hazardous biological materials in a mass transportation system, like the MBTA.

More tests will be done when the stations are closed, and will continue over the next year, officials said.

Riders at Davis, Harvard and Porter stations will be tipped off by signs that will be put up a day ahead of the tests. METRO

# Police know driver in fatal hit-and-run

**WELLESLEY.** Police said they talked to the driver of a car that hit and killed a 41-year-old Wellesley father this weekend.

Wellesley police were initially asking for witnesses and help locating the driver, but said Sunday that they talked to the car's operator after reviewing traffic camera footage of the crash.

Police did not file charges against that person as of Monday evening.

The crash that killed Alexander Motsenigos occurred just before 2 p.m. Friday as he and the car were traveling side by side in the same direction.

He was wearing a helmet, police said. METRO

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# Gulf Coast starts to flee from Isaac path

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▶ Gulf residents stocked up on supplies and secured their homes yesterday, especially in New Orleans, which sits below sea level.

Tropical Storm Isaac closed in on the U.S. Gulf of Mexico coast yesterday, triggering some mandatory evacuation orders and disrupting U.S. offshore oil production as it threatened to make landfall between Florida and Louisiana as a full-blown hurricane.

The large, slow-moving storm swiped south Florida on Sunday before moving into warm Gulf waters. It was expected to gain hurricane force and could reach land tonight or early tomorrow, which marks the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina seven years ago.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center warned coastal residents of potentially life-threatening flooding, or storm surge, from Isaac totaling up to 12 feet (3.6 meters) in some areas.

"The weather will start going downhill overnight tonight on the northern Gulf Coast," NHC director Rick Knabb told reporters on a conference call. "Wherever it is people are going to be during the storm, they need to get there tonight."

"It is quite ironic that we have a hurricane threatening us on the seventh anniversary of Katrina," New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu told a news conference. **REUTERS**

**1,800**

**Hurricane Katrina swept across New Orleans on August 29, 2005, killing more than 1,800 people and causing billions of dollars of damage along the coast.**

## Romney's convention limps into motion

Forget the loud music, cheering crowds and funny hats. Instead of opening with a bang as originally planned, Mitt Romney's Republican convention started with a whimper on Monday as party leaders staged a low-key session while Tropical Storm Isaac churned through the Gulf of Mexico.

The tone was deliberately subdued after Isaac led Republicans to scrap most of their first day's schedule in Tampa, complicating plans to showcase Romney to voters as the presidential candidate heads into a 10-week sprint to his Nov. 6 election battle against Democratic President Barack Obama. **REUTERS**

## Rain from Isaac to help wheat, but not corn or soy

The drought-parched Midwest farm belt could get up to 5 inches of rain from Tropical Storm Isaac, but it would be a mixed blessing to farmers, as the moisture will be too late for corn and soybeans but just in time for wheat planting next month.

Rain could be of marginal help to soybeans that were planted late in the season, but not to the bulk of the crop that is fast approaching harvest due to early planting.

For farmers gearing up to plant the winter wheat crop, rain could boost moisture and get the crop in the world's top wheat exporter off to a good start. **REUTERS**

# ‘American Taliban’ sues for right to daily prayer

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▶ This courtroom sketch shows American Taliban John Walker Lindh, center, during his sentencing hearing in 2002.

John Walker Lindh, the so-called “American Taliban” captured in Afghanistan and imprisoned in the United States after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, testified in federal court yesterday that a ban on group prayer for Muslim prisoners was absurd.

Lindh joined a complaint filed by two other Muslim prisoners challenging a ban on daily group prayers at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., where he has been incarcerated since 2002. He was captured in Afghanistan during the fighting after the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

The bearded Lindh, 31, who is serving for fighting with the Taliban in Afghanistan, wore ankle chains in the courtroom yesterday and his hands and arms were tightly bound as he was led out after two hours of testimony.

With the help of a glossary for court officials, Lindh guided the court through a series of lessons on Muslim prayer traditions.

The prison warden halted daily group prayers in 2009 and allowed them only on the holy day of Friday after some incidents among the Muslim prisoners.

Lindh said group prayers should be allowed because inmates in the facility are free to congregate for other reasons most of the day. He testified that there are no conversations or sermons during the prayer sessions and that attendees do not speak for most periods of the prayer service, which is led by an imam.

“If something is wrong you oppose it. If something is right you praise it,” Lindh said. “Muslims can’t be neutral. That is the course I am taking.”

Lindh’s parents were in the courtroom, according to ACLU of Indiana attorney Ken Falk, who is representing Lindh.

**REUTERS**

## In the news

### Troops punished over video of Koran burning

The U.S. military said yesterday it was disciplining U.S. troops over two incidents that provoked outrage in Afghanistan early this year, one involving a video depicting Marines urinating on corpses and another over burned copies of the Koran. But the administrative punishments fell short of criminal prosecution, and it was unclear whether they would satisfy Afghan demands for justice. Afghan President Hamid Karzai branded the Marine’s actions in the video as “inhuman,” and he initially called for a public trial for the soldiers over the Koran incident. The military did not disclose precise punishments for the troops, but Army and Marine Corps spokesmen said they fell into a category that includes administrative sanctions, like a reduction in rank or forfeiture of pay. **REUTERS**

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▶ A man in Seoul walks past a Samsung sign.

### Apple seeks to stop US sales of eight Samsung products

Apple Inc., which won more than $1 billion after a jury found Samsung Electronics Co. infringed six of seven patents for its mobile devices, sought a ban on eight models of the South Korean company’s smartphones, including its Galaxy S devices. Apple, in a court filing, urged U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh, who presided over the four-week trial in San Jose, California, to ban the sales of the Galaxy S 4G, S2 AT&T, S2 Skyrocket, S2 T-Mobile, S2 Epic 4G, S Showcase, the Droid Charge and the Prevail.

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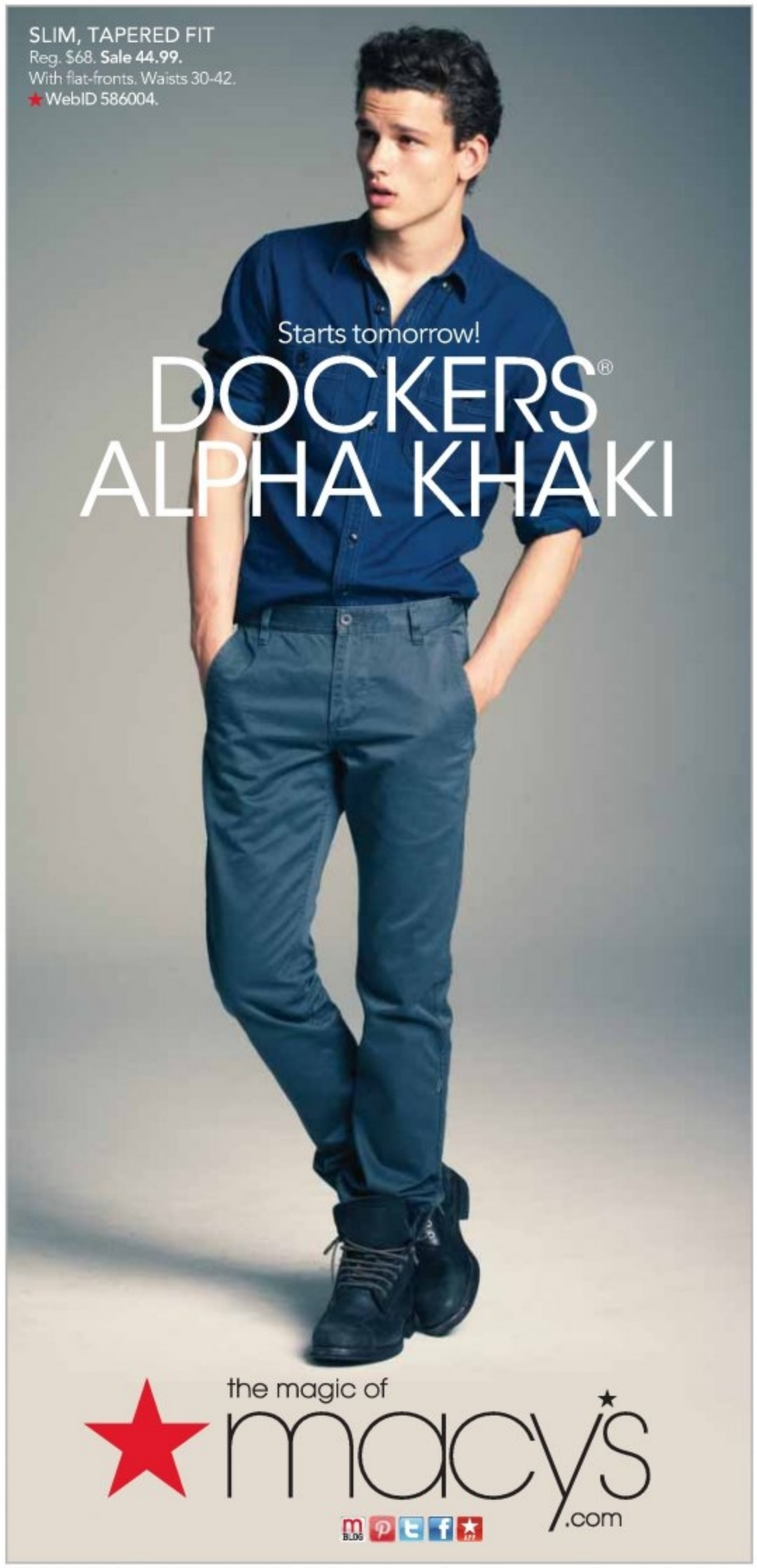


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# Teens who smoke pot can damage memory, intelligence — report

Teenagers who become hooked on cannabis before they reach 18 may be causing lasting damage to their intelligence, memory and attention, according to the results of a large, long-term study published yesterday.

Researchers from Britain and the United States found that persistent and dependent use of cannabis before the age of 18 may have a so-called neurotoxic effect, but heavy pot use after 18 appears to be less damaging to the brain.

Terrie Moffitt, a psychology and neuroscience professor at King's College London's Institute of Psychiatry, said the scope and length of the study, which involved more than 1,000 people followed up over 40 years, gave its findings added weight.

"It's such a special study that I'm fairly confident cannabis is safe for over-18 brains, but risky for under-18 brains," she said.

Before the age of 18, the brain is still being organized and remodeled to become more efficient and may be more vulnerable to damage from drugs, she added.

Moffitt worked with Madeleine Meier, a post-doctoral researcher at Duke University in the United States, to analyze data on 1,037 New Zealanders who took part in the study. About 96 percent of the original participants stuck with the study from 1972 to today, she said.

At age 38, all participants were given a battery of psychological tests to assess their memory, processing speed, reasoning and visual processing.

Those who had used pot persistently as teens scored significantly worse in most of the tests. Friends and relatives regularly interviewed as part of the study were more likely to report that the heavy cannabis users had attention and memory problems such as losing focus and forgetting to do tasks.

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**18**

**Before the age of 18, the brain is still being organized and remodeled to become more efficient and may be more vulnerable to damage from drugs.**

## Fat-bellied people at higher risk than those who are obese

Normal-weight people with fat bellies have a higher risk of death than the obese, according to data presented at the European Society of Cardiology conference in Munich today.

People with a normal body mass index and "central obesity," as defined by a high waist-to-hip ratio, had the greatest risk of cardiovascular-related death and the highest death risk overall, researchers said today in a statement. The risk of cardiovascular death was 2.75 times higher and the risk of death from all causes was 2.08 times higher compared with subjects with normal BMI and a normal waist-to-hip ratio.

"We knew from previous research that central obesity is bad, but what is new in this research is that the distribution of the fat is very important, even in people with a normal weight," Francisco Lopez-Jimenez, senior author of the study and a cardiologist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., said in the statement. "This group has the highest death rate, even higher than those who are considered obese based on BMI."

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## Modifications led to Reno air show crash that killed 11

Extensive modifications to a racing airplane — nearly all of them undocumented — led to mechanical failure that probably caused the deadly crash at a Reno air show last year, U.S. transportation officials ruled yesterday.

The Galloping Ghost, a highly modified, World War II-era P-51 Mustang fighter plane, lost control while traveling at 445 knots and crashed into the stands on Sept. 16, 2011, killing the pilot and 10 spectators. Another 64 people were injured, and 16 of those were seriously injured.

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## The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

**@SethMacFarlane**
A big part of my life is trying to apply Purell without being noticed by the person who just shook my hand.

**@rustyrockets (Russell Brand)**
I deny all hurtful rumours that I have invented bejeweled hover-shoes. Lawyers tell me they are fashionable.

**@SandraBernhard**
camping is fine as long as someone else does all the work

**@jimmyfallon**
More magazines are photo-shopping models to make them look heavier. In response the models said, "Or you could just let us eat."

Sandra Bernhard

# Tom Cruise kept the diamonds coming

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▶ Rubber ball, or anniversary ruby?

Say what you will about **Tom Cruise** — we certainly do — but the guy isn't cheap. During their five-year marriage, Tom Cruise showered **Katie Holmes** with the type of gifts found only under the Scientology Christmas tree.

"Tom was extremely generous to Katie with lavish gifts during their marriage, and she will be keeping millions of dollars of jewelry, Hermes handbags and other luxurious items," a source tells RadarOnline. "Tom gave Katie diamond earrings as a birthday gift one year that easily cost over $500,000, and he had custom design pieces made for her."

Under the terms of their divorce, Holmes gets to keep the swag, and she's free to sell it if her earlobes get tired — meaning, we can only hope, that she won't need that "Dawson's Creek" reunion paycheck.

## Rosie O'Donnell has secretly wed

Congratulations are in order for **Rosie O'Donnell**, who quietly wed girlfriend **Michelle Rounds** on June 9 in a private ceremony in New York before Rounds underwent surgery for desmoids tumors, a rare disease that can be life-threatening.

O'Donnell, who suffered a heart attack last week, took to her blog to share the happy news in her signature blend of poetry, prose and vodka:

*"thankful for the love and support*
*so many have given us*
*during these trying times*
*including all of u*
*stranger-friends*
*connected thru invisible strands of wi fi"*

## He got her number

Crafty pop star **Carly Rae Jepsen** has tracked down the last remaining human who hasn't heard "Call Me Maybe" and promptly started dating him. "He's a really great guy and really talented," Jepsen tells People of **Matthew Koma**, 25, a fellow singer-songwriter.

▶ No more tennis racket dates for Carly.

## Prince Harry not quite done explaining

Buckingham Palace isn't amused by **Prince Harry**'s recent nude photos, but that might be the least of his problems. Apparently, he was dating on-again, off-again girlfriend **Cressida Bonas** when he decided to play strip pool with a group of girls he met last week in a Las Vegas bar.

"Cressida saw a future with Harry, but then he went and embarrassed her like he did in Vegas," a source tells U.K. newspaper The Mirror. "He clearly isn't as serious about her as he had claimed, and it's highly embarrassing. He's ruined his chances now. She's humiliated."

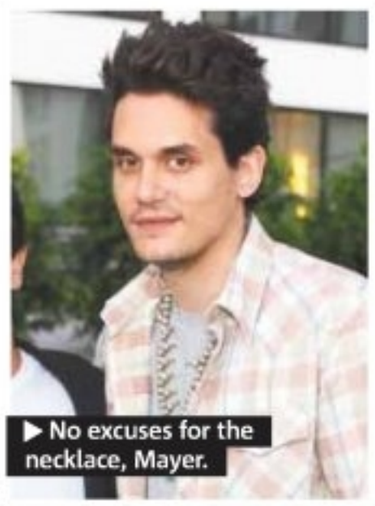
How do you exact revenge against a guy whose naked photos are already all over the Internet? We're not sure, but we bet Cressida has some ideas.

▶ From now on, you will likely only see photos of Harry holding children and saving puppies.

## Talking points

### John Mayer sporting some breakup hair

Looks like **John Mayer** really was in the mood for some major change. After breaking up with **Katy Perry** after a few weeks of dating, the singer unveiled a new, shorter haircut, ditching the curly locks he'd been sporting for a while, according to Us Weekly. And while Mayer seems to be moving on, Perry is reportedly not taking the split very well. "She's really upset about it," a source says. "She is making it seem like it wasn't serious with John, but she is hurt."



▶ No excuses for the necklace, Mayer.

### We are available for adoption!

**Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie** squeezed in a little late-summer vacation time, taking four of their six kids to the coastal town of Le Touquet, France, over the weekend, according to People magazine. Pitt and Jolie treated daughters **Zahara**, **Shiloh** and **Vivienne** along with son **Knox** to pizza before letting them loose on a local toy store. "I didn't expect it. I didn't even recognize them. I said 'Bonjour' like I do to all my clients and then I saw Brad Pitt," an employee of Culture Kid tells the magazine.

### Before they were famous vampires

Despite the mega-success of the "Twilight" film franchise, **Kellan Lutz** kind of misses the good old days. "My favorite moments were during the first movie, before any of this craze happened. We were just ourselves, no one really knew who we were yet," Lutz tells Us Weekly. "We haven't changed per se, but we were able to get away with a lot more." Lutz says the series' popularity caught them all off-guard. "It can be surreal sometimes. I don't know if we all knew what we were fully getting into on all fronts."

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# Can we get a ride, Beefy?

**1.** Sometimes, we truly love the Internet: **Beefy the Skateboarding Bulldog** visited Ripley's Believe It or Not Odditorium in New York on Monday.

**2. Star Jones** had a foolproof plan for looking cute in photos over the weekend.

**3. Bradley Cooper** and **Ben Barnes** hit up a screening of their latest, "The Words," in New York on Saturday.

**4. Natalie Portman** and her impossibly shiny hair attended the Nevada Women Vote 2012 Summit on Saturday.

**5. Leonardo DiCaprio** was spotted filming "The Wolf Of Wall Street" in Manhattan on Saturday.

**6. Snoop Lion** (no, we'll never get sick of calling him that) performed at the H2O music festival in Los Angeles on Saturday.

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# City of lost manchildren

GREG YAITANES

▶ Jonathan Tropper is dressed for work.

At the center of "One Last Thing Before I Go," the sixth novel from Jonathan Tropper, is a group of underemployed divorcees who spend their days in a poolside purgatory at The Versailles, a motel in upstate New York, doing little more than ogling girls from the local college. And somehow, the various women in their lives (and, we predict, many of Tropper's readers) still love them.

"These are men who are feeling the clock ticking on their lives," the 42-year-old Tropper tells Metro. "[They're] looking back on the plans they made and retroactively seeing where they went wrong."

"And I don't think it's unique to men," he continues. "I think it's middle-aged angst."

The angst of "One Last Thing," however, doesn't take itself too seriously — imagine Jonathan Franzen with fart jokes. The men of The Versailles are, if not happy, content until various emergencies force them to decide how they want to spend the rest of their lives.

Tropper, whose screenplays have attracted the interest of manchild mascot Paul Rudd, spoke to Metro about his generation of late bloomers.

**Do you think that men are starting to feel more comfortable talking about their angst?**

I do think that we've become a little more touchy-feely, but I think that men still feel less able to express that. I think the flip side of that is we live in a society now where people choose not to grow up and where men don't put away childish things. As a result, men tend to come of age later and very often reluctantly, and that leads to a whole other level of angst that our forebears probably didn't go through.

Decades ago you finished college or high school and you went to work and you became "a man." You put on a suit and hat and you went to work. And then we gradually started to keep dressing the same as when we were teenagers and we kept up our hobbies and we played with the same toys, and there were no more delineations of when you became an adult. There's part of you that never becomes one, and so all these rites of passage start happening later in life, and they take them by surprise.

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**Q&A**

**Have you adapted many of your books to screenplays?**

I just finished adapting my last book, "This is Where I Leave You," for Warner Bros., and they're working on casting that now. I wrote a version of "The Book of Joe" that I'm doing independently with Ed Burns. And I'm raising some money to independently do a movie version of the book "Everything Changes" with Paul Rudd attached to produce and star, so I'm working on it, but they've all gone through the studio system and not been made because it's very hard for studios to get character-driven movies made. But I'm still trying.

**Can you see any of your books as a TV series?**

Ironically, the series I did [the upcoming HBO/Cinemax series "Banshee"] bears no resemblance to my books. It's a violent, comical, Cohen-brothery-type of show. I grew up on action movies and action heroes, and I wanted to take my shot at it in a more literary style.

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## TV watch list

### 'MasterChef'

**REALITY.** What's more intimidating than Joe Bastianich's withering one-liners? Preparing dishes for Michelin-starred guest judges Daniel Boulud, Alain Ducasse and Guy Savoy is definitely up there. **9 p.m., Fox**

### 'Pretty Little Liars'

**DRAMA.** Maya's killer is revealed on tonight's midseason finale, which is guaranteed to end on at least one cliffhanger. There needs to be *some* scandal to fret over when new episodes pick back up in January! **Midseason finale, 8 p.m., ABC Family**

### '19 Kids and Counting'

**REALITY.** Inspired by the wedding of Anna's sister, the ladies of the Duggar clan discuss what they're looking for in a man — presumably, less than 18 siblings to host on Thanksgiving. **Season premiere, 9 p.m., TLC** AMBER RAY

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▶ Joe Bastianich has nothing on tonight's "MasterChef" guest judges.

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# COLLABORATION CRAZY

**Get excited for fall shopping We've got the latest crop of fashion partnerships to put on your radar**

### Pucker up

Azealia Banks is having quite the fashion moment. The 21-year-old rapper performed at a private party for Karl Lagerfeld, starred in Alexander Wang's new T campaign, and is now getting her very own lipstick. On Sept. 5, MAC will release Yung Rapunxel, a limited-edition shade in a goth-like plum, named after Banks' alter ego. To celebrate, the "212" singer will take the stage at MAC's Fashion's Night Out party in New York.

Yung Rapunxel, $15, www.maccosmetics.com

### Bright eyes

Girls just want to have fun, right? To help us loosen up, Topshop has teamed with playful British-based designer Louise Gray for a makeup line that exudes the carefree spirit of her colorful, mix-and-match ensembles. "My collections have always been about pushing optimism, color and fun; I want the Topshop girl to experiment with the product, be daring, and enjoy it," says the designer. The range includes 12 products, such as chalky pastel shadows, bright lipsticks and electric blue liner. Have a blast primping.

Louise Gray Lipstick in Mexican Wave and Mascara in There and Black, each $20, www.topshop.com

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### Kirna Zabete hits Target

Love Kirna Zabete's fashion sensibility but can't afford the designer wears they house in their flagship store? Here's some good news: Founders Sarah Easley and Beth Buccini are the latest boutique owners participating in The Shops at Target, a program started by the retailer that offers shoppers limited-edition collections by fashion stars across the country. On Sept. 9, peruse their collection — along with NYC's Odin, San Francisco's The Curiosity Shoppe and Boston's Patch NYC — at your local Target store and at www.target.com.

Kirna Zabete's Target line ranges from $10 to $200.


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# Insider tips from teachers

**What traits they look for in students How they recommend studying What makes them tick**

For back-to-school season, we went straight the sources for advice on making this your child's best year yet: their teachers.

## Ace the first day

*"Having personal goals for a course makes a great first impression. The more people who know your goals, the more likely you are to reach them."* **BRITTANY BECK, HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER**

*"Students that come to school early and have their materials prepared get noticed."* **JOJO FARRELL, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER**

*"Students who want to make a good impression should ask questions, demonstrate an eagerness to learn and be thoroughly prepared for class."* **JUSTIN KICZEK, HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER**

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▶ Even if your child is young, asking the teacher for help is a good way to get ahead.

## "I really notice when a student is organized."

**FARRELL**

*spacial, auditory, etc. type learner. Let your teacher know this and ask for resources that will assist your style of learning."* **BECK**

## Prepping for tests

*"The best way to get prepared is simply to read. Fourth- and fifth-grade students are typically assigned independent reading for 30 to 60 minutes per night. The students that do this pass with flying colors."* **FARRELL**

*"The best way for a student to prepare for tests and quizzes is to be an active note-taker. This means not just copying what's on the board; a student needs to listen intently to the classroom discussion. If certain words, ideas or names are repeated in a classroom discussion, this can be a good cue that the instructor values this information."* **KICZEK**

## What makes a student stand out

*"What set apart my favorite students was their intense curiosity. They stayed late after class or after school asking questions. They read materials that were not assigned. They looked for connections between my class and other disciplines. Learning for them was not just about filling in bubbles on a test; I could sense the pleasure they got from encountering ideas and emotions they had not known existed."* **KICZEK**

*"Students that are prepared for class each day with the required supplies, assigned work, relevant questions and a positive attitude."* **BECK**

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### Social censoring: Wack or 'PC'?

**RE: "'PC' HAS PLACE IN POLITE SOCIETY" (METRO, AUG. 24-26)** Perhaps the political climate in this country would improve if we add political party affiliation to the list of traits we are expected to treat in a politically correct manner.

**SUSAN BELISLE, VIA E-MAIL**

As I read Mr. Fox's e-mail, I was reminded of an old proverb: "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." It may well be that "PC" began with an attempt to be "polite," but it is an assault on free expression: One group of people dictates what is and what is not acceptable opinion. I have seen the marketplace of ideas increasingly dominated by these social engineers. Increasingly, where freedom of expression is being reinterpreted, "You are free to say what you wish ... as long we like it, or agree with it, or ... are not offended by it" — as Mr. Fox would say, "As long as it is (or I feel it is) polite." PC is a road that leads to a tyrannical society where freedom of expression is controlled and suppressed.

**GARY SHARPE, VIA E-MAIL**

### A country in need is the US indeed

**RE: "RESTORE THAT OL' AMERICAN PRIDE" (METRO, AUG. 24-26)** I'm responding to Lisa Paparo's letter on entitlement. I didn't read John McLaughlin's original letter, but I'm struck by the irony of the title: "Done anything for your country lately?" Entitlement may be an issue, though certainly not as large an issue as you seem to think; I don't have a problem with people who work multiple jobs to support themselves and their families feeling entitled to basic health care. My question, though, is what can you do for your country if not help your fellow countrymen who are in need?

**CLIFF BARGAR, VIA E-MAIL**

### Lance was thrown under the bike?

Has the vendetta that the French have had with Lance Armstrong finally been successful? In that the USADA agency chief, Travis Tygart, and a handful of doped-up cyclists have now slammed our cycling winner and hero of the Olympics and seven Tour de France races with more doping charges? We should all know that the French hated the fact that neither them nor a European won their race seven years straight. The liberal French couldn't bust Lance when every test on him came back squeaky clean, after every won time trial, race, sprint and final for seven years. How many drug tests were given? When is enough, enough?

**JOHN E. BEVAN, PHILADELPHIA**

### Until everyone's OK tasting the rainbow

The so-called anti-gays seemed to have overlooked a historical fact: Gays have been butchered, beaten and bullied for many centuries. Now that we are fighting back, they consider themselves to be the victims. Well, we are going to continue fighting back until we have the same legal and civil rights that they do!

**DICK ZIEGENFUSS, VIA E-MAIL**

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## Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Don't allow any outside influences to cause you to be unduly rushed regarding tasks that are detailed and intricate. Haste will perpetrate serious errors.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you try to juggle accounts around in order to rob Peter to pay Paul, all you'll do is create even more havoc in your financial affairs.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Your loved ones will follow the example you set when you deal with them. If you are cranky, short-tempered or impatient, it isn't likely that your family life will be pleasant.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If you have to deal with a difficult person, it might be hard to keep your anger in check. It would be best to smolder in silence.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Financial arrangements with friends could cause problems. Should a disagreement arise over something material, suffer the loss rather than jeopardize the relationship.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Sometimes there is a fine line between being assertive and being just plain aggressive. If you're not considerate, you might have trouble distinguishing between the two.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** It's never a good idea to butt into a testy situation that doesn't directly concern you. You won't derive any benefits from getting in the middle of someone else's mess.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you encounter someone who is as strong-willed and inflexible about his or her opinions as you are, any trivial disagreement can quickly be blown out of proportion. Be careful.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Make sure that someone whose cooperation is essential to you is handled with the utmost diplomacy so that he or she doesn't become an adversary instead of an ally.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Don't take something that you need repaired back to an establishment that gave you problems in the past. You'd better look for a more reliable place.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You should try not to be overly possessive of a person with whom you are emotionally involved. Unfortunately, the tighter you try to hold on to him or her, the faster she or he is apt to run.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** An outsider should not be allowed to try to help resolve a disagreement between you and your special someone. If you think things are heated now, outside intervention would only pour more gasoline on the fire.

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40 Was forgotten (2 wds.)
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43 Herb and guru
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66 Large herring

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30 Ayes and nays
31 Tackled moguls
33 Witch's group
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35 El — (ocean current)
37 Surname
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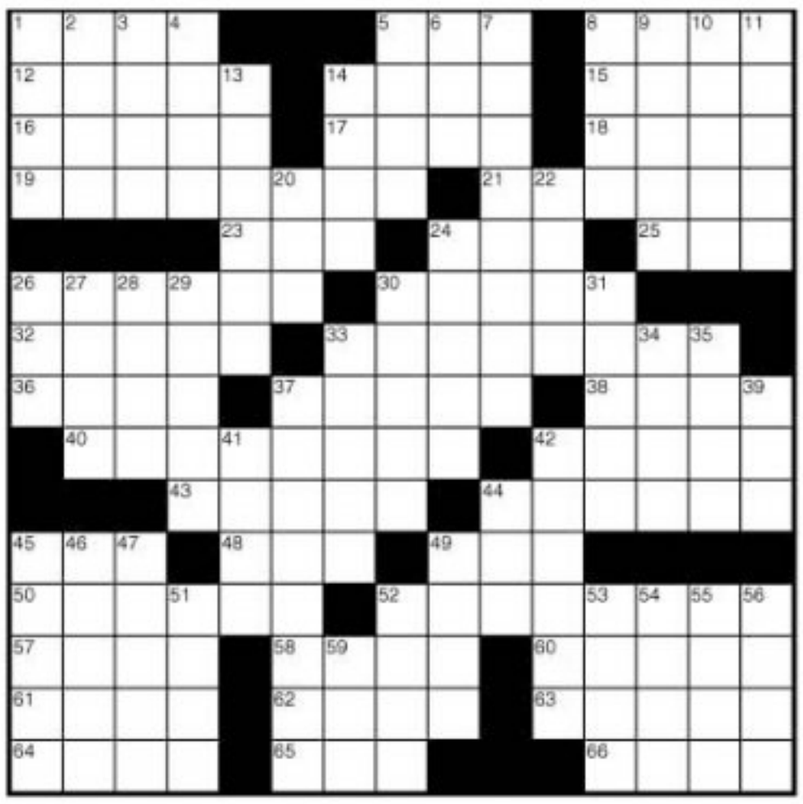

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# St. Lucia welcomes one and all

## Rendezvous for two

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That sort of romantic mood spoiling is nonexistent at Rendezvous (www.theromanticholiday.com), a couples-only resort in St. Lucia.

The phrase "couples-only" may conjure images of awkward double dinner dates with strangers, but at Rendezvous, it simply means rose petals scattered underneath massage tables and employees scuttling around the 7-acre grounds clutching champagne glasses and chocolates. Seriously, check out their domain name. THE romantic holiday!

There's one catch though: All beaches are public in St. Lucia, allowing locals to enjoy at their leisure. Although you need a room to eat at Rendezvous, prepare to share the sand with local families trickling through. Their laid-back attitudes may add to your vacation, like an encouraging "no worries" as you fumble to steer your kayak through the surf.

If swinging in a private hammock overlooking the ocean with a St. Lucian rum drink sounds like the way to render your romance, then read on.

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### Rekindle romance

**Rendezvous encourages those recovering from city stress to focus on nothing but emerald water and waves** — whether dining seaside or sitting in a hot tub and sneaking a glance at the sunset through palm leaves. Extras to enhance the mood include ordering flowers to the room or arranging a candlelit dinner on the beach with a personal waiter. And let the hotel know of any special dates — they're quick to make your orange juice into a mimosa by adding champagne at breakfast for occasions like birthdays or anniversaries. St. Lucia is a favorite for Brits, whose country fought for ownership with the French — and that history is evident in baked beans and stewed tomatoes readily available at breakfast next to local favorites like cocoa tea, stringy-but-sweet sour sop fruit and wax apple juice.

One is fun

## Solo isn't short for 'so lonely'

For an invigorating individual getaway, consider **The BodyHoliday** (www.thebodyholiday.com), which has rooms for couples but also caters heavily to singles needing a life overhaul or just a simple trip to recharge. The entire month of September is even devoted to singles – in honor of National Singles Month, the resort is offering September Solos from Sept. 2 to Sept. 30, starting at $450 per person per night. Maybe you'll even make some new friends – the resort offers group sunset cruises and concerts, and at every dining venue are communal tables where you can pull up a chair for conversation. The resort purposely has an open-air Miami feel to allow the ocean breeze to touch every part of the resort, whether you're having breakfast or relaxing in the infinity pool.

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# The last stretch of summer

More American travelers will take to the road this Labor Day weekend as consumer confidence remains intact despite the sluggish economy and high gasoline prices, travel group AAA said last week.

AAA expects 33 million Americans will either drive or fly over the holiday weekend. This is the largest number of travelers since 2008 and up 2.9 percent from a year earlier.

About 28.2 million motorists will drive to their destinations, a 3.1 percent increase from last year's levels. And 2.55 million will fly, up 3.7 percent from a year earlier, AAA added.

"In the absence of strong economic growth ... it is an encouraging sign that Americans continue to prioritize travel," Bill Sutherland, vice president of AAA Travel Services said.

The forecast, based on a survey of 50,000 U.S. households, found that 66 percent of respondents do not expect their current financial situation to have a negative bearing on their Labor Day weekend plans.

Motorists continue to take a hit at the pump. Gasoline sold for an average $3.71 a gallon last week, 4 percent higher than a year ago. **REUTERS**

## Where are we going?

Tours.com's Travel-Intel notes that off-season summer spots such as New Orleans, Atlanta and Boston are on vacationers' lists for where to spend leisure time over Labor Day.

Reviewing a Hotwire survey taken this month, Travel-Intel found 10 hot spots that made the list for places to spend the last weekend of summer and hot may be the operative theme with Las Vegas and Orlando taking prominent placements. But off-season values were high on everyone's list this season for Labor Day vacations.

**33M**

**The number of Americans expected to either drive or fly over the upcoming holiday weekend**

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▶ Donte Stallworth was released by the Patriots yesterday.

# Patriots' final roster rounding into form

**Patriots release receivers Stallworth, Gaffney ◐ Branch seemingly safe for now ◐ Players may be brought back after more roster juggling**

The list of players the Patriots have cut since March reads something like a Pro Bowl roster from four or five years ago.

Chad Ochocinco, Joseph Addai, Anthony Gonzalez and, now, Donte Stallworth have been unceremoniously dumped by Bill Belichick and Co. in the past few months. Toss in Albert Haynesworth from last November, and you've got quite the washed-up unit.

Profootballtalk.com reported that Stallworth was released yesterday. Later in the day it was revealed that wide receiver Jabar Gaffney was also let go by the Patriots.

The wide receiver position was considered the deepest on the Patriots' roster for the past few months, and it was well-known that more than a few tough cuts were going to have to be made.

In the end, it would seem that Belichick valued the likes of 33-year-old Deion Branch over the 32-year-old Stallworth and 31-year-old Gaffney. Gaffney's release may be even more of a surprise than Stallworth's, considering Gaffney's solid production over the years under the tutelage of offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels.

Defensive lineman Gerard Warren was also reportedly waived to get the Pats down to the 75-man roster limit. Warren was released by New England just prior to the start of the 2011 season but soon thereafter signed back on with the Pats.

NFL teams must cut their rosters down to 53 players by this Friday at 9 p.m. The Patriots have made plenty of big moves at the roster deadline before, most notably releasing Lawyer Milloy in 2003.

**53** All NFL teams must cut their rosters down to 53 players by this Friday, Aug. 31, at 9 p.m.

**Condo on his neck, Hernandez is cashin' out**

Who says the Patriots are cheap?

More importantly, who says the Patriots don't lock up young, talented players?

New England now has Aaron Hernandez and Rob Gronkowski locked up through the latter part of this decade. Hernandez got a five-year, $40 million extension yesterday while Gronkowski (eight years, $55.23 million) got his due three months ago.

The one downside to the Patriots getting this deal done is that it becomes increasingly likely that Wes Welker will be in a different uniform a year from now.

Welker didn't go into detail yesterday as to why he didn't play in the preseason loss to Tampa Bay last Friday night.

"A lot of it is personal issues, so I'll just leave it at that and let Coach [Bill] Belichick take care of everything else," Welker said. "I mean, I think you can just talk to Coach on that."

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▶ Murray

## Murray wins in three sets

After a short rain delay, defending London Olympics gold medalist Andy Murray got off on the right foot in the U.S. Open.

Murray defeated Alex Bogomolov Jr., 6-2, 6-4, 6-1. Bogomolov is the No. 73 player in the world.

Murray is coming off his biggest win as a pro in taking the title over Roger Federer on the courts of Wimbledon during the Olympics. But the Scotsman has yet to win a major title.

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## Sharapova takes opener

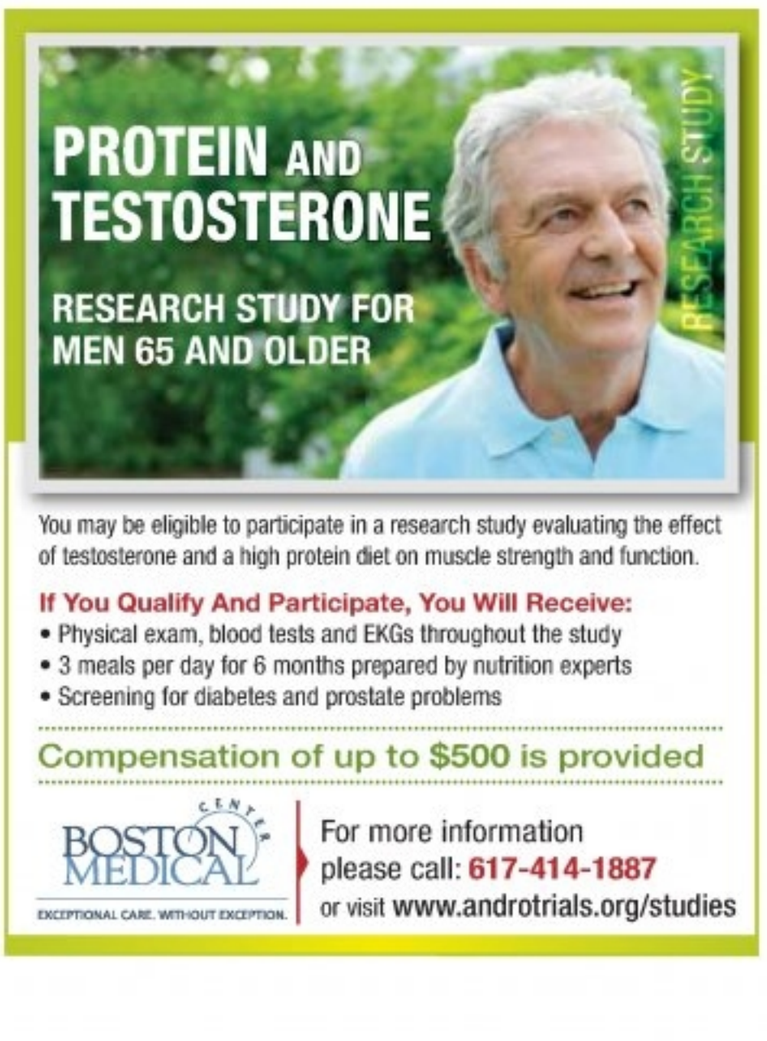
Maria Sharapova cruised to an easy win yesterday in her opening-round match at the U.S. Open.

She defeated Melinda Czink in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2. METRO

**In the news**

**Papi DL bound**

David Ortiz, who was activated from the disabled list last Friday and went 2-for-4 in his return, will be placed back on the 15-day DL with the same nagging injury in his right Achilles' heel.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# Sox: Take two

## By admitting mistakes, Sox management can work toward building contender ◗ Cherington's show now

The Red Sox have admitted they made a few mistakes from 2009 to 2010 in terms of their free agent signings and overall team approach, where they got away from what they did in the early 2000s, which led to two World Series titles.

It should be noted that last weekend's blockbuster is not the only step needed to turn things around for a team that is well below .500 since last Aug. 31. It is only step one, but a big first step at that. Before this deal was made, the upcoming offseason was viewed as one in which free agent signings and contract extensions would be limited due to the significant amount of money being devoted to Josh Beckett, Carl Crawford and Adrian Gonzalez.

When speaking to the media about the trade on Saturday, GM Ben Cherington used the word "discipline" extensively when describing the team's approach to getting back to where they want to be.

Some have questioned whether or not the next season or two would be a rebuilding year with the dealing of three of the team's biggest superstars. This assumption is false — just look at the core players the Red Sox have to build around.

**50** Hideo Nomo and Tomo Ohka are the only other Japan-born pitchers with 50 MLB wins. Dice-K reached the number yesterday.

The team has Jon Lester and Clay Buchholz as quality No.1 and No. 2 starting pitchers. They also have a former MVP in Dustin Pedroia and rookie Will Middlebrooks to manufacture their infield around. In the outfield the team has Jacoby Ellsbury at least for one more season, and following the trade there is a much better chance the Red Sox resign/extend Ellsbury's contract with the freed up money. The same can be said for designated hitter David Ortiz. While the team wouldn't be smart to offer a multiyear deal to the slugger, he most likely will not get such deal anywhere. The Red Sox will be pressured to bring back Ortiz and his explosive bat after losing another slugger in Gonzalez.

With that being said, the team is missing some key pieces if they hope to be a contender. They need a left fielder and a first baseman to start — although Loney, a free agent to be, will be given the chance to prove himself this September. Another starting pitcher and key piece to the bullpen will most likely be added. With the financially flexibility the organization has, obtaining these missing pieces will not be as difficult as it appears. Surely management will be tempted by free agents who are demanding long-term, large sum contracts, but if Cherington sticks to being "disciplined" the team will most likely stay clear.

The Red Sox are in Cherington's hands. He deserves all the credit in the world for making this deal happen, but he is now responsible for finding the pieces and spending the money to get one of the most historic franchises in all of sports back on track.

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### Sox dump KC

Daisuke Matsuzaka looked more than fine in his return to the Red Sox rotation yesterday as he pitched seven innings, allowing five hits without giving up an earned run in Boston's 5-1 victory over Kansas City at Fenway Park.

**Jacoby Ellsbury** homered in the first inning to get Boston's bats going while Cody Ross had three RBIs. The Sox are 8.5 games back in the wild-card standings.

### Penn State bans 'Sweet Caroline'

Neil Diamond's song "Sweet Caroline," which plays in sports arenas and stadiums across the country, will not be played at Penn State university going forward. School spokesman David La Torre said that the removal of the song from the in-stadium playlist had nothing to do with lyrics.

The Altoona Mirror reported that several university officials were concerned with some of the lyrics in the song, such as "reaching out, touchin' me, touchin' you," on the heels of the Jerry Sandusky sexual abuse scandal. METRO

### Bills release Vince Young

The plight of Vince Young continued yesterday as he was released by the Bills. He was expected to back-up Ryan Fitzpatrick. Buffalo traded for Tarvaris Jackson earlier in the day. METRO

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